

Remarks

Applicants hereby elect the species corresponding to item A-1 (Method of making a single semiconductor device, no separating (i.e., dicing step)) and item B-2 (Electrically insulating layer – solid photoresist), corresponding to claims 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, and 10. Claim 1 is generic.

Regarding the Restriction Requirement, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-10 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one of the claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803, in which it is stated that “if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits” (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply to the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

The dependency of claim 3 and the Specification have been corrected as requested by the Examiner in the Detailed Action section of the above-referenced Restriction Requirement.

If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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